

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 59th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND LABOR

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN JIM KEANE**, on February 14, 2005 at 9:30 A.M., in Room 172 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Jim Keane, Chairman (D)
Rep. Kathleen Galvin-Halcro, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Joe McKenney, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Elsie Arntzen (R)
Rep. Bob Bergren (D)
Rep. Kevin T. Furey (D)
Rep. Dave Gallik (D)
Rep. Ralph Heinert (R)
Rep. Llew Jones (R)
Rep. Mike Jopek (D)
Rep. Harry Klock (R)
Rep. Scott Mendenhall (R)
Rep. Mike Milburn (R)
Rep. Don Roberts (R)
Rep. Wayne Stahl (R)
Rep. Dan Villa (D)
Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Tim Dowell (D)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Bart Campbell, Legislative Branch
Kyanne Kelly, Committee Secretary

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 372, 2/9/2005; HB 500, 2/9/2005;
HB 521, 2/9/2005
Executive Action: HB 497, HB 237

HEARING ON HB 372

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

REP. CHRISTOPHER HARRIS (D), HD 66, opened the hearing on **HB 372**, Transfer money from state lottery to Office of Public Instruction for grant writer position.

00:01:41

[EXHIBIT \(buh36a01\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:08:06 Bob Vogel, Montana School Boards Association

00:10:08 Chris Christiaens, Self

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:12:59

Closing by Sponsor:

00:19:30

HEARING ON HB 500

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

REP. GAIL GUTSCHE (D), HD 99, opened the hearing on **HB 500**, Revise membership of board of oil and gas.

00:21:28

[EXHIBIT \(buh36a02\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:24:44 Jeff Barber, Montana Environmental Information Center

[EXHIBIT \(buh36a03\)](#)

00:31:26 **REP. VERONICA SMALL-EASTMAN, HD 42, LODGE GRASS**

00:34:00 Cody Ferguson, Northern Plains Resource Council

Opponents' Testimony:

00:35:21 Tom Richmond, Board of Oil and Gas Conservation
00:39:11 Gail Abercrombie, Montana Petroleum Association
00:44:05 Patrick Montelban, Northern Montana Oil and Gas
Association
00:46:44 Bruce Williams, Fidelity Exploration and
Production Company
00:49:57 Tom Ebzery, Oil and Gas Exploration
00:50:37 Jon Metropoulous, Fidelity Exploration and
Production Company
00:51:01 Willie Duffield, Association of Oil And Gas
Producing Counties
00:51:20 Joan Stahl, Commissioner of Rose Bud County
00:51:38 Don Allen, Western Environmental Trade Association

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:52:05

Closing by Sponsor:

01:08:05

REP. TIM DOWELL, HD 8, KALISPELL joined the meeting.

HEARING ON HB 521**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

REP. KEVIN FUREY (D), HD 91, opened the hearing on HB 521,
Establish bid preference for food produced in Montana.
01:21:58

Proponents' Testimony:

01:27:00 Melissa Turnbull, Montola Growers, Culbertson
01:29:12 Brian Kahn, Artemis Common Ground
01:31:35 Freida Robertson, Cream of the West

EXHIBIT (buh36a04)

01:33:08 Chris Christiaens, Montana Farmers Union
01:38:33 Crissie McMullan, Grow Montana
01:42:14 Linda Gryczyn, Grow Montana's Food

EXHIBIT (buh36a05)

01:43:17 Barbara Broberg, Montana Women Involved in Farm
Economics
01:43:46 Jessica Grennan, Associated Students University of
Montana

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

01:44:18 Sheryl Olson, Department of Administration

[EXHIBIT \(buh36a06\)](#)

01:48:12 Lew Hill, Montana State University

01:48:28 Mark LeParco, University of Montana

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:50:28

Closing by Sponsor:

02:07:09

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 497

Motion: REP. MCKENNEY moved that HB 497 DO PASS.

Discussion:

02:13:06

Vote: Motion failed 4-14 by roll call vote with REPS. HEINERT, JONES, MENDENHALL, and MILBURN voting aye.

Motion/Vote: REP. GALVIN-HALCRO moved that HB 497 BE TABLED AND THE VOTE REVERSED. Motion carried 14-4 with REPS. HEINERT, JONES, MENDENHALL, and MILBURN voting no.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 237

Motion: REP. VILLA moved that HB 237 DO PASS.

Motion: REP. VILLA moved that HB 237 BE AMENDED.

Discussion:

02:15:36

[EXHIBIT \(buh36a07\)](#)

Vote: Motion carried 14-4 by voice vote with REPS. DOWELL, FUREY, MENDENHALL, and WINDY BOY voting no.

Motion: REP. VILLA moved that HB 237 DO PASS AS AMENDED.

Motion: REP. VILLA moved that HB 237 BE AMENDED.

EXHIBIT (buh36a08)

Discussion:

02:22:10

Vote: Motion carried 14-4 by voice vote with REPS. DOWELL, GALLIK, GALVIN-HALCRO, and WINDY BOY voting no.

Motion: REP. VILLA moved that HB 237 DO PASS AS AMENDED.

Discussion:

02:23:45

Vote: Motion failed 9-9 by roll call vote with REPS. BERGREN, DOWELL, FUREY, GALLIK, GALVIN-HALCRO, JOPEK, KEANE, VILLA, and WINDY BOY voting aye.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 12:15 P.M.

REP. JIM KEANE, Chairman

KYANNE KELLY, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([buh36aad0.PDF](#))